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CHINESE MOSLEM LEADER IN PAKISTAN SAYS MOSLEMS OPPOSE RED RULE IN CHINA

Karachi, 2 April -- In an interview with the Arab News Agency, Haj Jalalal-Din Zayn Shah, Minister of Interior in the local government of Sinkiang from 1946 until 1949 when Sinklang was overrun by the Communists, stated that the Peiping government is employing shrewd tactics and spreading hatred and animosity among Chinese Moslems to destroy Islam in China. He asserted that the Communist government in Sinkiang is currently combating existing inter-Moslem social relations and has prohibited exchange of visits by Moslems without a special police permit. He added that the Communist government has (1) appointed to mosques new Imams who are indoctrinated with Communist ideologies and doctrines, (2) prohibited Moslems from possessing foreign books or literature or listening to foreign broadcasts, and (3) compelled Moslem women to discard their veils. Jalal-al-Din was Chinese Turkestan's representative in the recent Karachi Islamic Conference, and has been a resident of Pakistan since his flight from Sinkiang in November 1949.

Jalal-al-Din confirmed recent reports that Soviet forces have replaced Chinese forces dispatched to Korea and are at present in control of Sinkiang Province.

When asked about the position of the Moslems with regard to the "new order," Jalal-al-Din stated, "The Moslems who have been disillusioned by the Communist regime are vehemently opposing Communism."

Jalal-al-Din related the current activities of the "liberation guerrillas" and stated that Osman Bator, leader of the Kazakh and Yolbas forces and head of the Binjun tribe was arrested recently, but that the fremaining leaders of the liberation movement, together with 300 of their followers, managed to escape and subsequently took refuge in Srinagar, Kashmir. He added that the Communists are also persecuting Christians, destroying their churches, and arresting or exiling their clergy. With regard to mosques, he stated that they are still open, but that the Communists have closed Koranic schools.

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It is known that Jalal-al-Din encountered great hardships during his November 1949 flight from Sinkiang. Many of his comrades died from cold weather in their attempt to cross the Himalayas. Jalal-al-Din stated that 12 of these refugees are currently residing in Pakistan while a great number of the remainder settled in Kashmir and India.

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